

## **TRIUMPH GULF COAST, INC. PRE-APPLICATION FORM**

Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. ("Triumph Gulf Coast") has created a pre-application process to provide initial consideration of potential ideas for projects or programs that may seek an award of funding. Applicants are required to participate in the pre-application process. Notwithstanding the response from Triumph Gulf Coast on the pre-application form, an Applicant may still elect to submit an Application.

### **APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

Name of Individual/Entity/Organization: Destin Fisherman's Cooperative Association

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: **The Destin Fisherman's Cooperative Association has been operating as a Domestic Non Profit Corporation for 28 years and repairs the fishing fleet vessels at Fisherman's Boatyard in Freeport, Florida (Walton County). The organization established the Fisherman's Boatyard in 2006 to haul out large charter boats for Coast Guard Inspections and repair work on Fourmile Creek. The Fisherman's Boatyard has become a critical part of their operations since all vessels have to be hauled out and inspected annually by the Coast Guard.**

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Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program: Freeport Barge Port is adjacent to property owned by Destin Fisherman's Cooperative and will assist with matching funds for the bulkhead construction and dredging required for the construction. Permits that have been issued from ACOE and DEP are joint permits to both parties for the bulkhead that joins property lines.

### **REQUIRED EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In a maximum of three (3) pages, please describe the proposed project or program, including (i) the amount of funds being sought from Triumph Gulf Coast; (ii) the amount and identity of other sources of funds for the proposed project or program; (iii) the location of the project or program; (iv) summary description of the proposed program, including how the program will be transformational and promote economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties, and (v) a summary timeline for the proposed project or program.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

This pre-application process will **not** result in an award of funding by Triumph Gulf Coast. Rather, this process is designed to facilitate submission of ideas for potential projects or programs before the Applicant expends time and/or resources to complete a full Application. All Applicants for funding are required to complete an Application, which will be scored, and then considered for award in the discretion of Triumph Gulf Coast Board.

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#### Section 1

Triumph Funding Request: \$1,275,000.00

Matching Funds From Assoc. \$425,000.00 (25%)

Total Cost of Project: \$1,700,000.00

#### Section 2

The funding for the match will be shared by the Destin Fisherman's Cooperative and Freeport Barge Port for a total of \$425,000.00. The funding for match is in place and permits have been issued by the ACOE and DEP for the construction of the facility that will include a 100 foot long travel lift haul out facility.

#### Section 3

The project is located on Fourmile Creek in Freeport, Florida (Walton County). The location is south of SR-20 at the confluence of Lafayette Creek and Fourmile Creek on the intracoastal waterway that is under ACOE maintenance jurisdiction. The existing facility was constructed in 2006/2007 by the Association for hauling out vessels that belong to the charter fishing fleet and private vessels. The property currently holds approximately 28 vessels up to 100 feet in length and operates with an 80 TN travel lift and haul out facility on the adjacent property through a lease. The adjacent property is for sale and the lease will not be in effect if and when it is sold. The Association will not have any means to haul out vessels unless a new travel lift haul out basin is constructed for the future operations. The permitting on the project was initiated in 2015 by the Association and the adjacent property owner and permits were issued on October 16, 2017 for ACOE permit no. SAJ-2015-03863 (SP-SWA) and DEP permit no. 0342474-002-EM-66. The permits are in effect for five years from the date of issuance for the construction of the facilities. The project includes dredging 3000 CY of existing creek bottom to provide a 10' draft into the basin for hauling out vessels for the cooperative. The adjacent property will have access for 50' wide 200' long barges to offload gravel, rock, and other materials for use by nearby asphalt plants and construction use.

#### Section 4

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The Fisherman's Boatyard has been transformational for the City of Freeport and is located at 132 Hales Lane in Freeport, FL on Fourmile Creek. The facility is part of the working waterfronts designation by the State of Florida (DEP) that was approved for the City of Freeport. The facility has been in operation for approximately 10 years and has provided significant economic boost for the area from the number of workers that use the facility for working on private and Cooperative member's vessels. The facility is in danger of losing access to the Fourmile Creek water and from the adjacent travel lift facility that is owned by another company. The cooperative has been working on permitting the facility for 18 months and recently (October 16, 2017) received ACOE permits for the dredging and wall construction required at the facility. The DEP permits were received October 16, 2017 and there are no other permits required to begin construction on the facility. The Association does desire to include some additional pilings that would require a minor permit modification but all the walls and dredging require for the basin are approved. The adjacent property is a proposed barge port and would utilize the same basin that will be constructed for the Cooperative. The Barge Port would import rock, gravel, limerock base, and other materials that are currently only available by trucking into Walton County. The project would provide economic benefit for both the Fishermans Boatyard and the adjacent proposed barge port.

The Destin Fisherman's Cooperative is requesting Triumph grant funds in the amount of \$1,275,000 for the construction of a 220' x 88' basin with 10' depth for a travel lift consisting of two piers extending into the water constructed of concrete capable of supporting 150,000 vessels. The facility will provide haul out for vessels up to 100 feet in length that will be placed at the existing facility for work and inspections by the Coast Guard. The project includes the installation of 505 linear feet of sheet pile walls, dredging the existing channel (3000 CY), and installation of pilings and concrete deck for the 80 TN travel lift that is owned by the Coop. The boat basin has been designed to handle boats up to 100 feet in length. Currently the lift pit that was constructed by the Cooperative constructed in 2006/2007 is located on the adjacent property belonging to G&S Boats. The present owner of this property would only give the cooperative an eight year lease which expired in 2015. The adjacent property where the travel lift pit is located will likely be sold soon which will eliminate any possible access for hauling out vessels at the facility. The Destin Fisherman's Cooperative is not in a position to purchase this property. The only portion of this property that the Cooperative has an interest in is the lift pit and the driveway to it that connects to on the north side of the parcel. The Cooperative and adjacent property owner will commit 25% of the costs associated with the project. The total project cost to construct the basin and travel lift facility is \$1,700,000 and the match would be \$425,000. The project would meet all the goals outlined by the Triumph Board in terms of economic development.

#### Section 5

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Timeline for Project. The construction of the project could begin immediately and would be completed within 120 days of commencement. The permits require a 48 hour notice to DEP and an onsite preconstruction meeting with ACOE. The contractor has not been selected so an additional 30 days would be required to retain a contractor and execute a contract.